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Weekly Briefing:

The thing that wouldn't leave

Lawmakers to return to Raleigh yet again; agenda may include dangerous “de-reg” proposal

By [Rob Schofield](#)

The North Carolina General Assembly will return to Raleigh yet again this week. Despite [abysmal poll numbers](#), the toxic national political environment and their close association with a president of the United States who continues to set new standards for mendacity and outrageous behavior, legislative leaders will commence yet another special session on Friday to take up any number of matters that could include gubernatorial vetoes, new legislative maps, pending legislation from the “long session” that adjourned in June and maybe even constitutional amendments. Despite the Friday-at-noon start time, actual legislative action is not expected to get underway in earnest until next week – emphasis on the word *expected*.

That members of the general public (and even close observers) have only a general idea of what might be on the legislative agenda is, of course, par for the course these days. Republican legislative leaders, who first came to power back in 2011 under a pledge to clean up government, have, instead, become ever more enamored of secrecy, surprise and lightning quick action in recent years. With conservative supermajorities almost always poised to rubber stamp whatever legislative leaders place on the House and Senate calendars and a growing number of proposals going right to a final vote with only the most cursory of public hearings (and sometimes without any public discussion at all), legislative sessions have come to feel more and more superfluous and ceremonial.

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